

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the subject application and claims 11-27 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Leistner (US 5762190) and claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakata et al. (US 4955476). Claims 5-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Lastly, the Examiner appears to object to the use of "comprises" in the abstract.

The foregoing objections and rejections are respectfully disagreed with, and are traversed below.

In the interest of advancing the prosecution of the subject application, the abstract has been amended as indicated above to overcome the examiner's objection.

Independent claim 1 has also been amended to clarify the claimed invention. In particular, claim 1 specifies a die storing and organizing system comprising: a holder for storing and organizing crimp dies, the holder having a first side and a second, opposite side; a plurality of apertures in the holder, each aperture extending from the first side to the second, opposite side; wherein each aperture is adapted to receive a die pin; and at least one crimp die pin received in

at least one aperture, protruding outward from the first side and the second side.

In contrast, Leistner discloses a tee-nut holder strip. As disclosed in Leistner at col. 1, tee-nuts are a form of fasteners for securing metal fastenings in wood and are typically used in wooden furniture for securing components of the furniture together. As further disclosed at col. 1, the tee-nuts have a cylindrical barrel, at least a portion of which is internally threaded, and a flange at one end. Spikes are formed out the flange and extend parallel to the barrel.

The Nakata reference relates to fastener carriers for use with an automatic fastening machine. In particular, Nakata et al. disclose a carrier strip having screws mounted on the strip (col. 6).

The cited references do not disclose or suggest the claimed die storing and organizing system comprising, in part, a plurality of apertures in the holder, wherein each aperture is adapted to receive a die pin; and at least one crimp die pin received in at least one aperture, protruding outward from the first side and the second side.

As disclosed in the subject specification at pages 7-8, an advantage of embodiments of the invention is a die storing and organizing system, which may employ standard crimping parts to store and organize the dies. This results in efficient storage of tooling parts and also reduces the cost of the die storing and organizing system. As further disclosed at page 1 of the subject specification, crimping dies are employed in

the process of crimping together electrical conductors. The cited references are not at all concerned with crimping dies and the storage thereof, and the skilled artisan would not be motivated to look to the cited references for guidance.

In view of the foregoing, it is asserted that the features of independent claim 1 are not disclosed in, or suggested by, the cited references. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 2-3 and 5-10 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1.

Claims 11-27 are allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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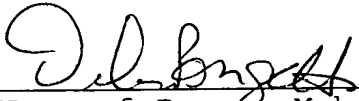
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